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## THIS MAY ISSUE OF THE MESSENGER IS DEDICATED TO MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATIONS

**Bonnie Clark of Walnut Creek Ward has been chosen an exchange student and will spend the summer with a European family. (story on page 9)**

## Bay Area Stakes Note Priesthood Restoration

Restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood will be observed with special stake and ward programs in the Bay Area, May 13-15.

San Francisco Stake plans a pot-luck for Aaronic Priesthood members under 21 and their parents Friday, May 13.

Oakland Stake has set a track and field day for Arroyo Viejo park Saturday, May 14 beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Wards of the local stakes will conduct Aaronic Priesthood programs at Sacrament meetings May 15.

## Owen Walton Ends Eight Years on Stake Mission

Eight years as a stake missionary spells out the devoted service of Brother Owen K. Walton of the 273rd quorum of Seventy in Berkeley stake.

Brother Walton and his family are moving back to Utah, late this spring. During his first four years in the quorum, he served as secretary of the Berkeley stake mission. For more than six years he has been in the presidency of the quorum.

## Two Bay Students Win Honors at BYU

Two Bay Area Students won recent honors at Brigham Young University, according to a recent news bureau note from Provo.

Barbara Hart, daughter of Oakland Stake High Councilman Melvin G. Hart, has been elected secretary of Associated Women students. Officers for the Associated Women students, serve with officers of the Associated Men students, to direct all major men's and women's activities on the campus, including Y day, Song Fest, Women's Week and Christmas drive.

Steve Barrett of Berkeley, son of Scott Barrett, has been appointed to one of the top two positions on the 1956 Banyan yearbook staff at the BYU. According to an announcement from the publications committee, Steve has been named as business manager.

A junior business management major, Steve has served as assistant student body business manager. He is Regional Viveroy of Intercollegiate Knights.

## MIA Growth Calls For Divisional Planning Groups

The tremendous growth of the church and its Mutual Improvement Association in recent years has made necessary the formation of a Divisional Organization to coordinate certain activities carried on jointly by two or more stakes in a given area.

Regarding the new organization, as it affects our area, we quote from the December 1954 "Leader" the following: "There is something imperative about birth. Without its continual recurrence, death would eventually inherit the earth. Maybe that is why the general M.I.A. executives were rash enough to give encouragement to something which we had long felt needed to be born—our new divisional organization."

"Ever since the oldest of us can remember, the M.I.A. has sponsored interstake activity. We have always pleaded for youth to push back their geographical horizons and enjoy the freshness of a vaster association with those of their own faith. As a result of this encouragement, the M.I.A. has, for many years, enjoyed a variety of interstake dances, tournaments, festivals and conferences, the spiritual benefits of which will probably never be fully measured or appreciated."

In recent years, however, this inter-stake activity has reached adolescence, and is growing fast. And along with this growth have come problems of administration, lines of authority, and responsibility. Yes, something needed to be born: a strong, streamlined, divisional authority, and render the general board invaluable assistance in promoting a smooth-running inter-stake program throughout the church.

Northern California, together with Reno Stake is designated as Division XII. It comprises 12 stakes: Oakland, Berkeley, San Francisco, Santa Rosa, Palo Alto, and San Jose in District I and Sacramento, North Sacramento, San Joaquin, Fresno, Gridley and Reno in District II.

The Divisional Organization is headed by two co-chairmen, David H. Fuhriman, Superintendent of Oakland Stake YMMIA, and Lorna C. Birchall, President of the San Joaquin Stake YWMIA. Other members of the Divisional organization, thus far appointed, are: Kenneth Jensen of Walnut Creek, athletic director, and Rhea Gustaveson of Alameda, camp and sports supervisor. District dance supervisors are: Raymond and Vada Crabbe, of Sacramento, District Dance Supervisors.

**How sociability can be built into an MIA program on a grand scale is shown by this picture of a small portion of the 530 guests who attended the San Francisco stake Special Interest Christmas Candlelight dinner December 12, 1954, and enjoyed music, dinner, and an array of talent.**

## Bay Area Camp Leaders of 6 Stakes Prepare Summer Programs for Girls

Preparing for LDS girls' summer camping, leaders from six bay area stakes held an all-day Division 12 camp leaders' training institute at Claremont ward, in Berkeley stake, on April 16. Rhea Guestaveson, divisional director, conducted.

Although all stake plans are not yet announced in detail, Oakland Stake camp is scheduled for the week of August 15.

Berkeley stake's summer camp will be planned again for the Sierras, at Liahona lodge, starting July 7. Details of last year's camp experience have been reported in earlier issues of the Messenger.

Highlights of the camp leaders' training institute which helped camp directors and their assistants plan for better summer camping included: a camp sing led by Helen Brockbank, Young Ladies president from Santa Rosa Stake; greetings from Alma Dean Feller, Y. W. president, Berkeley stake; flag ceremony under the direction of Diane Bentley, Palo Alto stake;

Personality problems and counseling, Clifton D. Boyack, Manager Berkeley Cazadero camp; Developing spiritual values in camping, Victor Lindblad, scout executive; camp safety, Dale Roe, Oakland Red Cross.

## Palo Alto Will Host Volley Ball Tourney

Palo Alto Stake, under the direction of Bill Davis, Stake Athletic director, will conduct the Division 12 volley ball play--off at Palo Alto high school, Saturday, May 7.

Tournament play starts at noon and continues through the day. Admission is free and Northern California is invited. A "family and friend" get-together" one of the features will be "food available at nearby picnic grounds."

Each ward should form a team. Senior teams are under the direction of the Priesthood; juniors under MIA athletic officers.

## Archeologists Tour Book of Mormon Land

Three members of the University Archeological society, Brigham Young university, with President Milton R. Hunter in charge, Jose Davila of Pueblo, Mexico, as guide, and Otto Done as photographer, recently completed an extensive expedition for the purpose of studying and photographing selected sites in Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras.

A detailed account of the trip will be carried in a series of illustrated articles by Dr. Hunter to appear in the Improvement Era beginning with the April issue.

The party made brief stops at Veracruz, Minatitlan, and Tuxtla Gutierrez. About seven miles from Tapachula they saw countless mounds and many huge carved stones. At the base of one of the largest is the Tree-of-Life stone reported earlier by UAS president M. Wells Jakeman.

## Messenger Editor Ball and Archeologist Trek to Central American Excavations

Digging for clues to the early central American civilizations City, instead of digging for news notes from the four Bay Area stakes, Brother I. B. Ball is on a research trip to Mexico City.

Tom Ferguson, archeologist, attorney, and active church leader, and Brother Ball left early in April to investigate some ruins in the Mexico City area.

In the meantime, trying to take Brother Ball's place editing the May and June issues of the Messenger, are Gary Millward, who is Brother Ball's capable assistant, and Dale Roe who swims better than he writes.

## Southern California Keeps on Doing It

If a Southern California football team plays in the Rose Bowl annual game against some eastern team we here in Northern California usually root for the Southern Cal team. They become our team.

Similarly in Church affairs like the winners just announced in the "1954 Playwriting Contest" by the drama committee of the Y.W. and Y.M.M.I.A. Mr. and Mrs. Ruth and Nathan Hale of Glendale were judged winners with their full length "San Juan Outpost", and Charlie Flood of North Hollywood Second Ward walked off with top honors with his clever "Courtin' Time". These with other winners will be published in the first volume of the MIA Book of Plays.

Likewise, Compton First Ward won the All-Church junior basketball honors, March 5, in Salt Lake City Playoffs. And we also might as well take pride while we're at it in the 1954 top honors won by So. L.A. Stake for Aaronic priesthood attendance (80 per cent) at sacrament and priesthood meetings and repeated it for January

## Two Bay Stakes Set Conferences in May

Two Bay Area Stakes plan quarterly conferences in May.

Palo Alto Stake has scheduled conference sessions Saturday evening, May 14, and Sunday sessions for May 15.

Oakland Stake will meet Saturday: general Priesthood Leadership session at 8:00 p. m. and a welfare meeting at 6:30 in the Oakland ward chapel.

Sunday general sessions will meet at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. in the Scottish Rite auditorium.

The Stake MIA will be in charge of an evening session, at 7 p. m., in the Oakland ward chapel.

# OAKLAND STAKE

**Showing what young MIA people can do, Oakland Stake Junior Leader Helen Roberts joins her husband, Hardy, amid garden scenes produced by Stake Junior Gleaners for their annual "prom."**

Hayward Ward

## Brother Fowler Thanks Ward for Kindsness, Help

**By Cathy Gordin**

Brother Arlin Fowler has asked that I express his deep appreciation for all of the acts of kindness and love shown him by friends since the passing of his wife, Muriel, March 25, and her infant son's death a few hours later. She will be missed, but we know that we will meet again one day.

We welcome into the ward, Sister LaVon and Brother George Osmond and their sons, Gene and Dale. They come to us from Oakland Second (Elmhurst) ward where the Osmond's were active in Stake Missionary work. They have two months more in the field. The Osmonds are the immediate family of Ruth Wilson of our ward.

## Orleen Lunsford Is Stake Speech Winner

An outstanding Oakland Stake Speech contest was held in the Oakland Ward chapel, the evening of April 12, before a capacity audience. Sister Verla Sandstrom. Stake Speech Director, introduced 10 speakers who discussed various phases of The Beatitudes.

The judges were unanimous in their decision in favor of Orleen Lunsford, a Jr. Gleaner from the Castro Valley ward. Colleen Calhoun, Jr. Gleaner from San Leandro, was a close runner-up.

The public speaking ability displayed by both of these young ladies was outstanding; their treatment of the subject was excellent; and their enthusiasm, which showed in their speaking, was commendable.

Appropriate and fitting music added greatly to the evening, presented by a ladies trio from the Oakland ward: Sisters Eva Schliech, Janet Brown and Nellie Henry.

At the close of the contest, refreshments were served.

Oakland Fourth

## YLMIA Reorganized; Family Swims Start

**By Myrtle Famariss**

New president of our ward YLMIA is Margaret Wright. She has chosen one of her counselors, Donna Smith, and as secretary she has named Jane Lauper. Released with a vote of thanks for their past work were: Carmen Stephens who had been serving as president; her counselors, Sister Wright and Janice Dent, and her secretary, Beth Edwards.

Family Swim Nights have been scheduled for Wednesdays, beginning May 4, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Fremont pool on Foothill, near High Street. Swim instructions will be offered to all members of the family at whatever level of skill is needed. Non-swimmer youngsters and adults will be taught to swim and youngsters and adults, will be taught how to swim better. There will be two groups for adults, two groups for youngsters. Training for adults in how to prepare their youngsters for swimming experience and how to prepare their youngsters for swimming experience and how to safeguard them will be conducted. Dale Roe, director of safety services for Oakland Red Cross, will supervise the instruction, assisted by Mary Dunn. Plans were announced this week by Lynette Verhaaren, Primary president, who advises that the cost will be $1.50 per family.

Jean Bramwell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. K. Bramwell, visited her parents and friends in the bay area recently. Her guest, Miss Yvonne Spell, and Jean are students at BYU in Provo. Also visiting the Bramwells is Mrs. Bramwell's father, George G. Parker from Ogden.

Visiting the Tueller's is Mrs. B E. Tueller of Mountain Home daho.

Sister Hattie Robinson is stil convalescing from her recent illness.

Earl Wilson is home from the hospital, recovering from a serious illness. Irva had her turn, but both are improving.

Sister Hilton is still very ill at the home of her daughter, Sister Reed Facer.

Sister May Pace of St. George, Utah, is visiting her daughter, Jane Lauper. Sister Pace has just been released from her mission in the western states.

All of us enjoyed the beautiful music on Easter Sunday at Sunday School services and at Sacrament meeting. We appreciate the efforts of all those who made the programs so completely beautiful.

San Leandro

## General Authorities Approve Chapel Site

**By Lorna Beach**

We are happy with the approval of the General Authorities to purchase a building site located on Bancroft Avenue between 138th and 140th. This will be a splendid location for a new building to carry on the Lord's work. Fund-raising program plans will be announced shortly.

Saturday, May 21st, has been designated as "W-Night"! A delicious dinner will be served and an evening of entertainment is planned. At this time we hope to raise sufficient funds to take care of the 1955 Welfare Assignment. We urge all members, families and friends to attend.

New names continue to appear on the tithing and fast offering records! Receipts are much greater this year than ever before. The Bishop wishes to commend all for availing themselves of the Lord's Blessings that attend such action.

Vao Cheney, our new Sunday School Superintendent, will have Clark B. Murphy and Louis F. Scofield as his assistants. We wish them well in their new endeavors. Our Sunday School has been leading the Stake in attendance—a record of which we are very proud and aim to maintain it. We had over five hundred members present at our Easter Services!

A sincere thank you is extended to Russel Heath for the spendid job he performed in serving as Secretary to the Senior Aaronic Priesthood Committee. We know that he will continue his fine work in the capacity of second counselor in the Seventh Quorum of Elders.

Max Harker was called to fill he position of Secretary of the Senior Aaronic Priesthood committee. Brother Harker formerly served in the Bishopric in a Salt Lake City Ward.

**Galations Chapter 4**

NOW I say, **That** the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;

2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:

4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law.

5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

## Golden Gleaners to Sing at Conference

**By Jane Lauper**

"Matthew Cowley, Man of Faith" was the book capably reviewed by Carol Tueller at the monthly meeting of the Oakland Stake Golden Gleaners held at the home of Carmen Stephens. The review was separated into five divisions: Early Youth, Mission To The Maoris, Lawyer, Return Mission, Council Of The Twelve. Thus, a clearer insight into the life of this truly great, yet very humble Church leader, was given in the biography written by Bishop Glen Rudd of Salt Lake City. Many inspiring experiences were brought out in this review which are strength-giving and testimony-building to Latter-day Saints.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to a choral rehearsal in preparation for Quarterly Stake Conference to be held on Mothers' Day at the Scottish Rite Temple.

Formerly this group met at the home of Eva Schleisch for their monthly gathering and devoted the entire evening to music. Iona Weebil was co-hostess at this time.

Estherella Olszowska of Oakland Ward is the director of the Golden Gleaner Choral group; and Lee Ashby, accompanist. A double trio of these gleaners was called upon to sing at the Oakland Stake Gold and Green Ball Saturday, April 16, to honor the most recent Golden Gleaners: Carol Tueller, Dorothy Goesch, Janeth Doxey, and Geraldine Goettling. Each new Golden Gleaner was presented standing in a picture frame, which made a very impressive setting and the choral group sang the "Theme Song" off stage.


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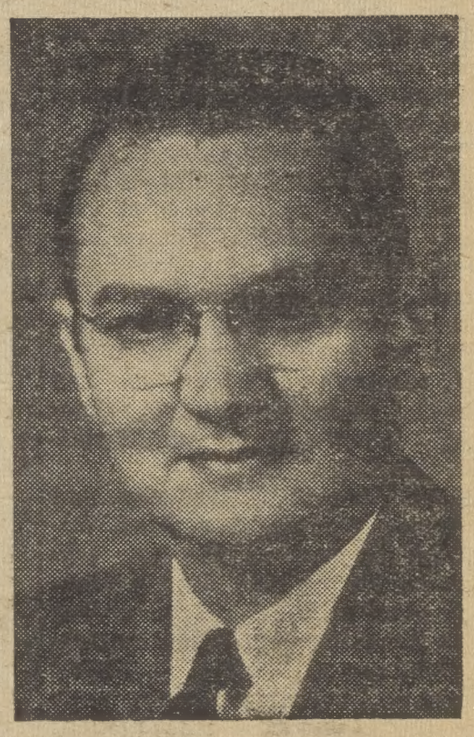


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# OAKLAND STAKE CALENDAR

**MAY 1955**

May 7-8 STAKE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
10:00 p. m. session - Scottish Rite Auditorium
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7:00 p. m. MIA session - Oakland Ward.
May 19 Stake MIA Leadership Meeting, Elmhurst Chapel.
May 20 High Priest Annual Dinner
May 21 Stake Dance Festival — San Leandro High School
May 31 Bee Hive Swarm Day — Hayward Ward
May 31 MIA Maid Festival — Alta Mira Club, San Leandro
May 31 Jr. Gleaner-Jr. M Men - (To be Announced)
Announcement Frolic

## Lynn Paulson Prais'd For Saturday Dances

In a year loaded with Mia activity, one of the outstanding, regular events, in Oakland stake, has been the Saturday night dances.

A special "thank you" was issued today by Stake MIA leaders to Brother Lynn Paulson, who "manages them each week so capably."

The young people, stake leaders report, look forward to these weekly dances which give them, not only recreation, but an opportunity to become better acquainted throughout the stake.

"Thank you also to the many ward MIA couples who have acted as chaperones during the season. Your cooperation is very much appreciated."

Admission is by membership card.

**Colossians Chapter 3**

IF ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on earth.

3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, **who is** our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

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Oakland Ward

## May Homecoming Set Musical Scheduled

By Frances Mayo

Our Homecoming is planned for May 21 and 22. Every former member of Oakland Ward is cordially invited to join with us in the festivities. Everyone is also invited to attend our Annual Musicale which is scheduled for June 3rd with Estherella Olzowska directing.

An interesting and wonderful day was spent Tuesday, April 12, at the Relief Society luncheon, honoring the retirng Presidency.

Even though we were privileged to see and hear the morning session of conference, the reports of some members who attended in Salt Lake were interesting and very stimulating.

Donna Wall has just completed a successful winter season with the Oklahoma Symphony Orchestra. Glad to have you with us again Donna.

Scout Troop 46 enjoyed a camping trip April 6, 7 and 8 with Marvin Alexander as guide.

The two little Higham moppets are recovering from a bout with the measles. Sister Higham has probably had the biggest "bout" though.

The past few weeks members of the Oakland Ward have been rehearsing for their 3-Act Play, "Fashion." April 19 was the big night.

It was thrilling to be at rehearsals and see the cooperation and the comradeship. As "The Nite" draws closer and closer, the butterflies get larger and more colorful. Nothing fits anybody, there isn't any of that very best makeup left, the pants of the tux have gone to the cleaners, but not the coat; Mr. Trueman's cane must have a rubber tip or it will drive us all distracted (he found one! from the top of the baby's bottle) For goodness sake don't keep standing in front of Mrs. Tiffany and turning your back on the audience. The director suggests that two or three still need to do a lot of studying, in fact the whole cast could do with a little more, yes, much more and we know the play is going on for sure April 19th.

Then as we form a prayer circle at the end of the last rehearsal it is very still and quiet. Success? Failure? Why, success, of course. There could be only success where there is such cooperation, such loyalty, such a feeling of helpfulness for each other and the love in our hearts for the success and well being of all the cast.

**Everything "lovely or of good report" is sought in MIA work. Here Oakland Stake Junior Gleaner president, Donna Schipper, sits in a garden created, for the annual Junior Gleaner and Junior M Men prom, by young people from wards**

## Bee Hive Girls, MIA Maids, Jr. Gleaners Entertain Mothers at Fashion Show

"Suddenly it's Spring!" was theme of a fashion show for Bee Hive girls, MIA Maids and Jr. Gleaners of Oakland stake, Saturday, April 6, at Alameda ward.

The girls entertained mothers and friends at the show. They made and, in some instances, designed the many beautiful clothes they modeled, from sport clothes to evening wear.

Sister Helen Houston at the piano, provided background music. Commentating was by Sister Verna Jackson.

The stage was decorated in a spring motif with kites, flowers and garden furniture. Tables were cleverly arranged with spring flowers falling from little straw hats.

During intermission specialty dance numbers were presented by Melodee Simpson and Holly Root; and a vocal duet by Donna and Connie Schipper.

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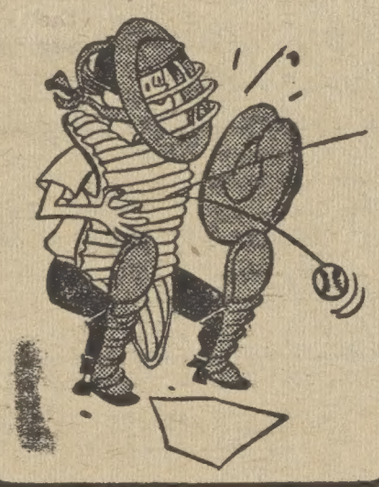

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## Relief Society Plans Lunch, Rummage Sale for May 25

The Relief Society is tentatively planning a Building Fund Luncheon at the close of the class year in Relief Society. Date will be announced later. The Rummage Sale to be held in Oakland May 25, is your next big project. Chairman Mary Campbell will appreciate all the cooperation we can give her and officers by bringing rummage or advising as to where and when we can get articles.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Jibson and family spent the Easter vacation in Redding visiting with Mrs. Jibson's sister.

The Jr. Gleaner class of the MIA had a dinner party for Activity Leader Rose Winkel on her birthday. The party was held at the home of Ruth Hunt. The girls presented Sister Winkel with the book, "Song of Ruth".

Bishops Message;

"Hell begins on the day when God grants us a clear vision of all that we might have achieved, of all the gifts which we have wasted, of all that we might have done which we did not do."

The above quotation should stimulate us in our efforts to help build up the Kingdom of God here on the earth—which is the church. There is so much to be done and regardless of how hard we try, we cannot do it all, but let us judge ourselves fairly and be able to say that we did our full share.

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# OAKLAND STAKE DANCE FESTIVAL MAY 21

The San Leandro High School on Bancroft will be scene of the Oakland Stake Dance Festival on Saturday, May 21, Stake MIA leaders announced today.

Mutual ensembles . . . specialty numbers . . . and original dance presentations . . .drawing from talents in all the wards of the stake will be featured.

Mutual leaders, headed by Dave Fuhriman for the Young Men and Verna Jackson for the Young Ladies, urge all to "plan to attend."

# Sprinkling System In, Functioning, at Farm; Canning Plant Ready for Use

**By Mildred Fontano**

The Oakland Stake Welfare farm is still in the limelight. Barley, wheat, pasture, alfalfa and sugar beets are all growing nicely. Hundreds of yards of sprinkling system pipes are in use. Theodore Fontano was instrumental in securing the equipment for this improvement.

The canning plant has been made fit and ready for the coming season. Our able canning supervisor, Cornelius T. Payne, has repaired and re-arranged the older equipment and installed some new items. A modern juicer, on a portable stand, is one of the newer features.

**RELIEF SOCIETY**

All the Relief Society women are thankful that Pearl Meine, our sewing supervisor, is improving after her siege of bronchitis, and is able to be back at the sewing center. Supervisor Meine reports the sewing is of a finer workmanship than any previous year due to collaborations with sewing supervisors of Berkeley, San Francisco and Oakland stakes and the cutting of a better pants pattern. Martha Gaisford of San Leandro ward has been appointed assistant supervisor of stake welfare sewing. Better than custom made is the report on the finished pants.

The annual Relief Society visiting teachers convention will be held at Hayward ward chapel at 1:30 p.m. May 13.

# Stake Mia Maids and Mothers in Meeting

Mia Maids of Oakland Stake and their mothers held an inspirational meeting at San Leandro ward March 22. Speaker was Sister Shirlee Webster of San Leandro ward.

Purpose of this annual occasion is to build better mother-daughter relationships, help them to understand each others problems, and to help teach importance of a clean, virtuous life. Maxine Beach, Mia Maid, San Leandro, conducted.

Since the rose is symbol of Mia Maids, rose corsages were given to mothers. Carol Bryant from Oakland Second talked on symbolism of the rose. Sister Ida Herbert and her daughter, Maxine from Castro Valley gave tributes to mothers and daughters. Girls from Oakland Third sang "Wonderful Mother" and refreshments were served.

**Alameda Ward**

# Outgoing Counselors Honored at Meeting

**By Amelia Everett**

Sunday, April 24, a Testimonial for J. Newell Christensen and J. Reed Schow was held. There were chief speakers and after the meeting refreshments were served. They have been serving with Bishop Bangerter.

Clare Hunt is the new Superintendent of Sunday School, with Rex Shaw and Dan Harrison as counselors.

General Conference was attended by Bishop Arnold Bangerter and wife Hazel, second counselor. Wayne E. Lambourne and wife; Dan Harrison, Fannie Bessey and Verla Smith, Verla were there to represent the primary. Bishop Bangerter and Wayne Lambourne visited the B.Y.U. Tuesday and saw all the students from Alameda except two. All Bishoprics and wives were invited by President McKay to see "The Man Called Peter."

Hazel Bangerter returned to Utah immediately because of the death of her uncle aged 88 years.

John and Albertina Nimetz are back after spending the winter near Denver.

Mildred Fontano is entertaining her cousin Aleda (Mrs. J. A. Lunquist of Stockton.) They are working together on genealogy charts and they expect to spend at least two days at Sutro Library.

Monette Pitman is recovering after surgery. Sister Buttonbuso is in Alameda Hospital. Helena Massey has been ill.

Timothy Lee Severson, Lesia Bybe, Robert Alexander Brown and April LuDean DeCelle.

# Field Day, Food, Program to Mark Observance, Priesthood Restoration

Oakland Stake Aaronic Priesthood members, senior and under 21, and their leaders are planning special programs to observe the restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood.

Ward Bishoprics, as in other stakes, will conduct special programs at Sacrament meetings May 15.

For Aaronic Priesthood under 21, an outing and field day is scheduled at Arroyo Viejo park, 77th avenue and Olive, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Teams and individual competitors are being lined up now for seven field events: Tug of war, relay race for teams of four, broad jump, half-mile run, three legged races, wheel barrow races, and a high jump event.

Young men should sign up with their advisors immediately.

A point system has been worked out so that wards can score in the team events.

Food and a program are arranged for 4:30 p.m. Stake Aaronic Priesthood committeemen have worked out details of the program and will supervise the afternoon's activities. Stake chairman is Eugene S. Hilton, with Earl Phillips as secretary, and Herbert Marsh, Robert J. Andersen, and C. Ben Lamkin.

**I. Timothy, Chapter 4**

13 For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

14 These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly:

15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.


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# SAN FRANCISCO STAKE REPORTS SHOW TYPICAL MIA PROGRAMS

A series of memorable activities highlighted the past year for the Mutual Improvement Associations of San Francisco stake. Showing some of the activities, which along with class instruction, made for spiritualized recreation were activities in these groups:

**M Men and Gleaners**

Games, songs and the selection of an alert and spiritual-minded council launched a busy year of activities on July 30. Helmsmen chosen were Jerry Wright, chairman; Fred Holmes, M Men representative; Reane Hunter, Gleaner representative; and Sherry Evans, secretary.

An August moon on the twenty-eighth lured over 300 happy young people aboard the Harbor Queen for a cruise on San Francisco bay. San Francisco stake acted as host to Oakland and Berkeley stake M Men and Gleaners. A combo provided music for dancing and refreshments were available.

A sand party the afternoon of September 18 found a gay young group at the beach engaged in such sundry frolicking as volleyball and swimming and enjoying slightly sandy refreshments.

Spook alley, games and dancing struck the fancies of fun-lovers, October 30. Those who didn't dunk for apples, found other pleasurable activities in which to participate, Hallowe'en style.

For the New Year's Eve Dance, M Men and Gleaners were given the reins for this traditional dance for the entire stake. The theme "Dancing Through the Universe" was portrayed by appropriate decorations.

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**M-MEN, GLEANER WEEK**

M Men-Gleaner Week, a significant 7-day period of fun and "spiritual togetherness" was observed in March. Conducting of the M.I.A. session of the Quarterly Conference in the San Francisco stake by the M Men and Gleaners was a fitting spiritual opening to the March 20-26 events. Impressive speakers were Sister Ruth Hilton of the Oakland stake whose subject was "Biblical Travels," and James Witherspoon, an M-Man of the stake, who used "The 10 Commandments Today" as the title of his remarks. Stake M Men leader Allen Tuttle conducted.

On March 24 San Francisco stake was host at a Sports and Fun Night. The San Francisco "All-Stars" basketball team opposed a combination of Oakland and Berkeley "All-Stars" at Washington High School. The home team won. Representing the stake were Sherman Weymount, Merrill Menlove, Newell Cutler, Allen Tuttle, John MacMasters, Vince Wood, Glen Epson, Trulin Rockwood, and Utah Lawrence. Dick Lambert coached the group. Following the game, the group journeyed to the stake house where games and refreshments closed an enjoyable evening. Lou Markham and Fred Holmes were in charge of the event.

March 25 the M Men and Gleaners of the stake participated in a Talent Show at Alameda. Barbara Pearson of San Rafael ward supervised the 20-minute talent contribution.

Many of the young people from San Francisco participated in the Dinner-Dance on Saturday evening and in the thrilling spiritual climax to the week—Sunday's Testimonial meeting.

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**Operetta and Highlighted**

The comic operetta "H.M.S. Pinafore", staged as a climax to the M.I.A.'s summer activities in 1954, was an achievement of excellence for its enthusiastic participants. Presented before an audience of over 1100 at the stake house on September 10-11, "Pinafore" demonstrated the fine talents of many young church members, creditable directing by Jean Lauper and Howard Ruff, evidence of exacting rehearsals, professional staging, and an all-round colorful performance.

The operetta was the first undertaking of its kind by the stake for many years. Its enthusiastic reception crowned the joy visible in the cast and staff whose efforts for perfection consumed many hours of diligent work.

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**Special Interest Dinner**

A sea of tables in appropriate Christmas decor, a brilliantly lighted tree, comforting Christmas scenes, and candlelight greeted the 530 guests attending the annual Special Interest Christmas Candlelight Dinner on December 12.

The prize appetizer was music by the nationally renowned Dave Brubeck and his group who prefaced the dinner with some of their most popular numbers.

A ham dinner and a program featuring the stake's finest talent was the menu for the evening. Master of ceremonies was James Tomlinson of San Rafael. Chief chef was Gideon Marquardt.

Typical of "action" programs in MIA wards and stakes, is production of plays and musicals such as presenting "H. M. S. Pinafore" illustrated here by a San Francisco stake cast: Chris Politis as Little Buttercup; Vince Wood as Captain Corcoran; Shirley L. Behrman, Cousin Hebe; Melvin Stephenson, Sir Joseph Porter; Charmaine Halverson, Josephine; Reed Lindstrom, Ralph Hackstraw; and Howard Ruff, Dick Deadeye.

Mission Ward

## Primary Conference Set; 7 Babies Blessed

By Dixie Oliver

Our ward Primary conference will be held Sunday eve., May 1.

We had seven babies blessed on April 3: Edmond James Austin, son of James and Ruby Austin, blessed by Brother John Veeninga; Sharon Lee Seader, daughter of Leonard and Betty Seader, blessed by her father; Gregory Randolph Seader and Donald Jeffrey Seader, twin sons of Junior and Joyce Seader, by their father; Denise Michele Alger, daughter of Quentin and Odena Alger, by Brother Newel Draper; Diane Ruefenacht, daughter of Walter and Elizabeth Ruefenacht, by her father; and John L. Busenbark, son of Duane and Fay Busenbark, by Brother Leland J. Busenbark.

There was only one confirmation: James Robert Seader, son of Eva Seader, Confirmed by Brother Leonard D. Seader.

Among those attending Conference in Salt Lake City were Ellene Politis, who, incidentally, surprised her sister Chris; Sheila Peterson; Lois Burrows; and Harold Wells. All report they enjoyed their stay in Salt Lake and the inspiration they received at the sessions of conference.

On April 17, Sunday night, five boys graduated from Primary into Mutual: Robert Hipskind; Ronny McKune; Terry Earnshaw; Bruce Taylor; and Michael Oliver.

Balboa Ward

## Yosemite Ski Trip Highlights Show How Activity Builds MIA Interest

The air was filled with excitement and anticipation as Junior Gleaners and Jr. M Men gathered at the Greyhound bus depot at midnight January 28. Everyone was in high spirits. Bishop Willard B. Barton and Frank J. Heiss were there to help.

The journey was uneventful with minutes of sleep interrupted by singing, talking and eating. When Yosemite Valley was sighted, the bus filled with "oh's" and "ah's" as snow was seen. It was dark as we arrived at the lodge, and after quietly exploring the surroundings it was decided that we continue on to Badger Pass.

As the bus climbed up into the hills the dawn was breaking and everyone receiving the wonderful thrill of seeing the first sun of the day fall on the glistening snow. Cameras were busy preserving such beautiful scenes as "Half Dome," tall pine trees and waterfalls frozen into sheets of solid ice.

Arriving at Badger Pass, eager snow-lovers tumbled from the bus and a flurry of snowballs and washing of faces occurred. Soon appetites soared and as the Pass served no breakfast, the majority of hungry souls returned to the floor of the Valley. When we arrived back at the Pass some of the braver members went skiing; others contented themselves with hiking and taking pictures.

After an afternoon of exercise and laughs everyone decided that a snowball fight would be in order. Almost everyone ended up covered with snow, but enjoying it.

**NEW CHAPEL SITE**

From Salt Lake City, the general authorities sent Brother Brinkhurst, former president of the Swiss-German mission, to select a suitable piece of property for a new chapel for San Leandro ward.

Oakland Stake President Delbert F. Wright, and his counselors, Elmo Smith and Milton P. Rheam, accompanied by Sisters Smith and Rhea, attended general conference in April. Bishops of the stake also attended, as well as many others.

## Stake Juniors Meet

By Gay Robinson
Stake Jr. Gleaner President

April 8 began the three-day activities for the Junior Gleaners and Junior M Men. A spaghetti dinner was served at 6:30 at the stake house to 50 guests, including any M Men Gleaners and leaders. Prayer was by Robert Bone. Food disappeared fast, to the delight of those who prepared it. After dinner, young men and women went to Crystal plunge for several hours of swimming.


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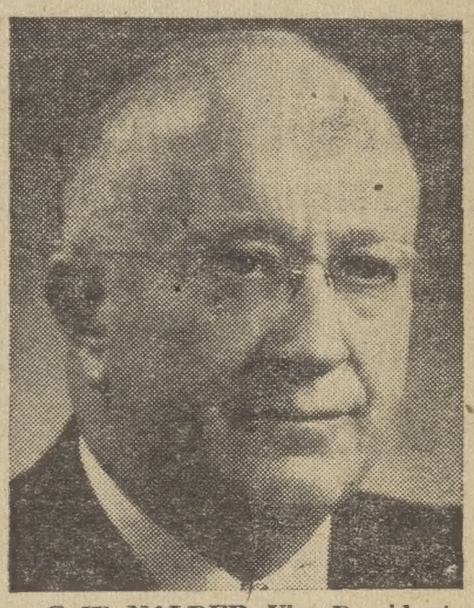

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# PARTY HONORS SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS, TEACHERS AT MEET

By Beryl Theurer

All Sunday School workers and stake officers and board members were guests at a party sparked by the stake Sunday School following the opening exercises of the monthly board meeting, on April 21. Participating in th entertaining program were the six ward Sunday Schools, each responsible for a musical or comedy skit. Mixed games and refreshments climaxed the evening of friendly fun. Superintendent Wesley Tolley headed arangements.

The stake Sunday School reports the following ward attendance percentages for the month of March: Balboa, 31%; Balboa II, 34%; Mission, 43%; San Francisco, 41%; San Rafael, 31%; and Sunset, 35%; with a stake average of 36%.

Released with a vote of appreciation for their faithful cooperation in their stake Sunday School work were Gertrude Heiss from Course 9 and Joy Hulme from Course 1.

Some members of the stake Relief Society have already made plans for an interesting summer following a successful year of work. Jacketta Quealy will spend the vacation months in Hawaii visiting with her son. For Gladys R. Winter and President Stephen H. Winter it's a summer in Maine. There they will be resident managers of Beertrees, the fabulous old home of Victor Herbert on the shores of Long Lake, which will house the cast of one of their daughter Louise's summer theaters. President and Sister Winter plan their departure for mid-May, taking a leisurely month's tour across the southern part of the United States before arriving at their New England destination.

Honoring Sister Winter and Leeta Squire, who recently moved to the Peninsula, Jacketta Quealy will hostess a luncheon for the board members of the stake Relief Society at her home on May 16.

Happy news for the board is the steady improvement of Josephine Danford whose lengthy illness has prevented her active participation on the stake Relief Society board for many months.

**STAKE PRIMARY**

San Francisco stake was in noticeable attendance with its nine members at the General Primary Conference in Salt Lake City in April. Representatives were Primary President Gerda Greene, First Counselor Vera Forbyn, Merle Dorius of the In-Service Training Department and her daughter Deanna who visited the Kite, Ella Stull, Maud Preston, Inez Kenner, and Mavis Keller.

Three members have left the ward; organist Marion Benson, with her family, is moving to Orinda; and Rheon Griffin, secretary and Children's Friend representative, has made Berkeley her home. They will be greatly missed.

There are welcome newcomers to the board: Ella Stull of Balboa ward becomes Seagull leader and Marjorie Smith of Sunset ward is the new secretary. Harry Raub of Mission ward has been sustained as a special representative of the Guide Patrol Department, with extended supervision of all scout work under the jurisdiction of this auxiliary.

Y.W.M.I.A. President Phyllis Celentano announces the appointment of Gayle Terry, recently returned from a Brazilian Mission, as Gleaner Leader in the stake.

Howard Ruff, a prominent member of the stake, has left for Washington, D.C. with his new bride, the former Kay Felt, to accept a recent appointment as soloist of the Air Forces Symphony Orchestra and assistant director of the Singing Sergeants. A summer tour of Europe with the units has already been planned.

Rodeo Ward

## Bishop Fitt, Others Attend Conference

By Una Ellsworth

April General Conference visitors were Bishop and sister T. Cleon Fitt, Clyde Redman, Alice Hess, and Ora Hochstrasser. At Primary Conference was Alice Redman.

Sister Una Ellsworth is vacationing in Bakersfield.

Daton Smith is spending a 30-day leave from the Air Force. He will be assigned to duty in Germany.

Brother and Sister Collins, parents of Nelma Kersey have returned to Idaho.

Sister Florence Wanlass has returned home from Kaiser Foundation after undergoing major surgery.

There were three graduates from Primary this month: Linda Childers, Phyllis Brunson, and Jimmy Hamblin.

Brother and Sister Blain Lott are vacationing in Southern Cali-

Balboa Ward

## Movie Night, May 27 Building Fund Event

By Gideon E. Marquardt

A vaudeville and movie night admission by donations, will be held Friday May 27, sponsored by the ward building committee. Refreshments will also be available.

With great anticipation, we are looking forward to our ward conference which will be held May 15.

Or May 8, we will honor the mothers of our ward with a special Sunday School program.

Bishop's Message:

The power and authority of the Aaronic Priesthood, is to hold the keys of the ministering of angels, and to administer in outward ordinances . . ." We celebrate this month, the coming of John the Baptist with this great power. We have placed in the hands of our boys a real man sized tool in the Aaronic Priesthood. This tool and the power to use it will at last bring salvation to the world. Only by the loving care of their mothers can the Lord find it safe to entrust boys with this power. It is fitting that this month we should honor mothers.

The two events, Mothers Day and Priesthood restoration "Birthday "bring mothers and boys together in a mutual appreciation of his duty to her and her responsibility to him. "Let mothers commence to teach their children while in their laps" and "Forsake not the law of thy mother" are teachings from the prophets. These things we should treasure in our Hearts this month that God's priesthood might never be defiled and mothers might ever be honored and loved.

Willard B. Barton, Bishop

## Dental Decay Among School Children Told; Lack Word of Wisdom

A local Latter-day Saint dental surgeon, Dr. Hearl Crowther of San Leandro commented today on a report by Dr. C. A. Sweet on shocking, excessive dental decay among California school children at the California Dental Assn. conference in Berkeley Feb. 8.

"Lack of good nourishing breakfasts of whole wheat cereals and plenty of milk and fruit, and lack at other meals of sufficient servings of raw salads and other cooked vegetables", says Dr. Crowther, "leaves the child, and also many adults, feeling under par and so they resort to excessive sweets for pickups", he added.

"In a word the basic trouble, causing not only our excessive tooth decays, but colds and other ailments is simply poor diet," concluded Dr. Crowther.

Candy bars, carbonated beverages, poor diet, and infrequent brushings and visits to the dentist were blamed for the increase in tooth troubles among youngsters. "Dental disease," Dr. Sweet summed up, "may become the most common crippler in our present and future genrations.

## Why Dancing In MIA?

By Shirley Osborne

The dance program is designed to:

1. Teach proper fundamentals, including posture, dance etiquette, proper dance behavior, as well as basic steps.

2. Give our youth a chance to create original dances.

3. Present floor shows at Ward, Stake Dances.

4. Create better morale and spirit among church members.

5. Provide wholesome recreation and entertainment.

**Colossians Chapter 4**

19 Husbands, love **your** wives, and be not bitter against them.

20 Children, obey **your** parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

# San Francisco Stake

Sunset Ward

## Show Funds Support Lamanite Missionary

By Oreti E. Aaron

There will be a fashion show on May 12, at 8:00 p.m. sponsored by the Relief Society, featuring Elsa Margo's styles, and flower arrangements by Frank Kinkead of Fashions and Flowers. Proceeds will maintain a full time Lamanite missionary who will labor among his own people. The models and hostesses have been chosen from our own girls many of whom have had previous experience in this field.

The following girls were happily surprised when presented with 100% attendance pins in Sunday evening service: Carolyn Broberg, Carol Hoppe, Karen Ray, Linda Johnson, Josie Rich, Sheri Baumann, and Paulie Lauper.

Recent advancements in our Aaronic Priesthood were Fred Holmes and Floyd West who were ordained Priests and Harold Gubernick who was ordained a Deacon.

The senior members of the Aaronic Priesthood have assumed the responsibility of administering the sacrament at our evening sacrament services. All members of the Aaronic Priesthood under 21, are looking forward to the Stake Potluck Banquet to be held on Friday, May 13th.

We welcome as a new member in the ward, sister Edith Marie Volkert Billen.

## Testimony Meeting

By Pearl Buckley

A testimony meeting, conducted by Jr. Gleaner Stake President Gay Robinson, was a fitting close to a three-day weekend April 10.

As we young people of the church sat with the spirit of testimony all around, this thought ran through my mind: "A testimony is a statement of certainity of belief in the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is the product of harmony with law. Once obtained, it explains the purpose of life; it lightens the duties of the day; and it gives zest to life." (John A. Widtsoe)

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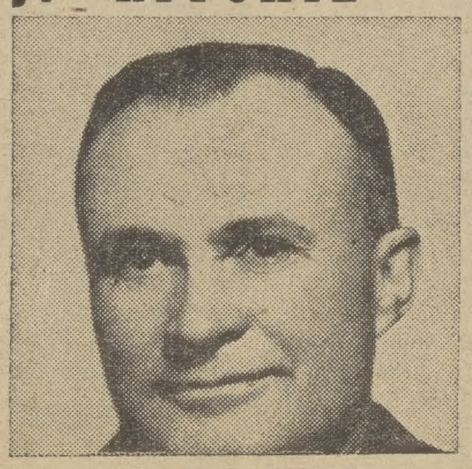


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San Rafael Ward

## MIA Plays to Raise New Building Funds

By Joyce Cowley

A spaghetti dinner and several one-act plays are on the agenda for May 27. This will be a Mutual sponsored building fund event. Elayne Reid, drama director, will present the plays.

Preparations are under way for Sacrament meeting May 15, which will commemorate restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood. May 13, members of the San Rafael Aaronic Priesthood will attend a stake banquet. Mothers and fathers of the boys will be guests.

The San Rafael Ward choir is preparing a musical concert, the date to be announced. Choir director, Bert Fallows, is in charge of the evening's entertainment. All funds collected will be turned over to the Bishop for a new organ.

Ed Gilchrist is now ward historical clerk.

General conference in Salt Lake City was attended by a number from our ward, among them: Bishop and Pauline Roe and family; Bert and Lorna Fallows and family; Mel and Joan Farr; Myron Frazer; Charles and Barbara Smith and family; and Don and Lucy Clark.

Visiting here for a few weeks is Mrs. Maughan, Pauline Roe's mother. She came to California with the Bishop and Pauline when they returned from conference in Salt Lake City.

Percy and Lois Poulson have had Perc's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Poulson of Redmond, Utah, visiting them for several days.

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Those who enjoyed Bay area radio and television coverage of the April conference are reminded to send a note of appreciation to KGO radio, and TV, KOVR TV, KEEN and or KSRO.

## Los Altos Explorers Build, Test Canoes

Post 22 of the Los Altos ward has been working on several "make-it-yourself" projects since it was organized in October of last year.

During the winter the snowshoes and tested them on more than seven feet of snow near Donner Summit as part of a three day survival and training trip December 27 through 30. Time was devoted to developing survival and tobagging skills, but the real climax came during the five mile hike from the camp under blizzard conditions. The fellows reported that the highlights of this trip were tobagganing and coming home!

Members of the post have recently completed a pilot model of a canoe contructed of fiberglass and plastic. It was submitted to thorough testing on a four-day fishing trip to the Andersen Dam and proved to be light and durable. As incidental experimentation, it was found that six crew members can consume 90 blue gills at one breakfast.

The post plans to build four more canoes which will be used on a series of river excursions throughout northern California.

These canoes are easy to construct and reasonably priced. Post 22 will be glad to assist any group in a similar project.

**1. Corinthians, Chapter 14**

Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation and comfort.

4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself, but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.

Five explorers, canoe and snowshoes, pictured here, show another type of MIA activity. Gary Olsen, crew leader of Post 22, holds snow shoes; LeRoy Kratzer, post advisor, and Explorers Lynn Reynolds, Matt Green, and Tom Winegar (left to right) carry a canoe constructed by the group. (Photo by M. L. Cheney).

Part of the Palo Alto Stake MIA Speech and Music festival group is shown here as they met in the San Mateo Ward Recreation hall on March 25. (Photograph by W. L. Cheney)

## Music and Speech, Festivals for MIA Develop Youths' Culture, Character

Speech and Music Festivals conducted by the Mutual Improvement associations of the church also contribute toward growth for all those who participate.

Palo Alto Stake MIA held its Music and Speech Festival March 25 in the San Mateo ward recreation hall. The program, which was under the direction of Florence Smith and Ted Maynard, music directors, and Elizabeth Monson, speech director, was introduced by Superintendent George Holdaway. After the invocation by President Richard Sonne of the stake presidency the colors were posted by Troop 146 from San Mateo.

The stake combined chorus of 178 young people sang "America the Beautiful" and a "Home Melody" consisting of several familiar folk songs while the Boy Scout chorus presented the "Happy Wanderer" which featured an accordian and drum accompaniment. Both of these groups were directed by William Stoker and accompanied by Faye Stoker at the piano.

Eight other musical numbers were presented by the various wards including girls' choruses from San Mateo, Los Altos, and Redwood City awards; a mixed chorus from the San Bruno ward; a mixed quartette from Menlo Park; soloists Gene Hansen and Pat Bacon.

The two finalists of the speech contest which had been held in each ward by the Gleaner and M-Men classes, Sue Garbett of Palo Alto ward and Rodmar Pulley of San Mateo ward, presented their winning talks on the Beatitudes.

The program closed with the benediction by Mel Pickering, member of the stake high council.

**Matthew Chapter 26**

50 And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.

51 And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest, and smote off his ear.


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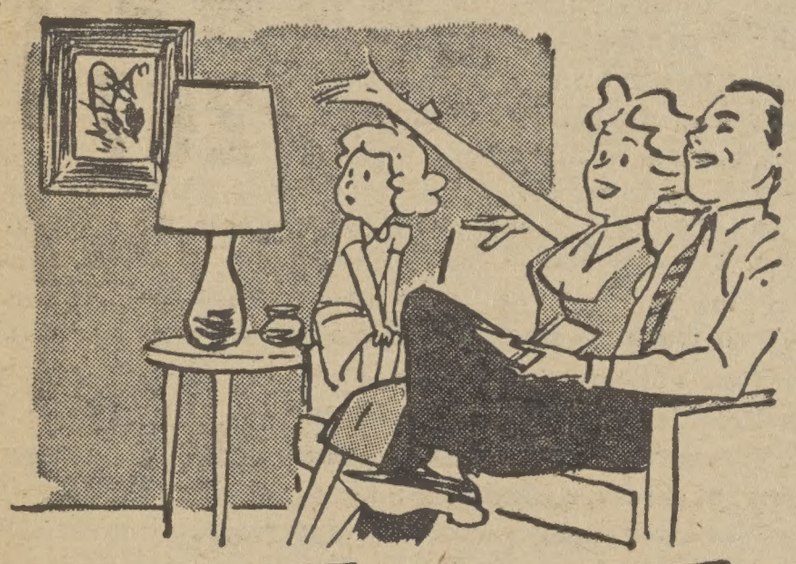

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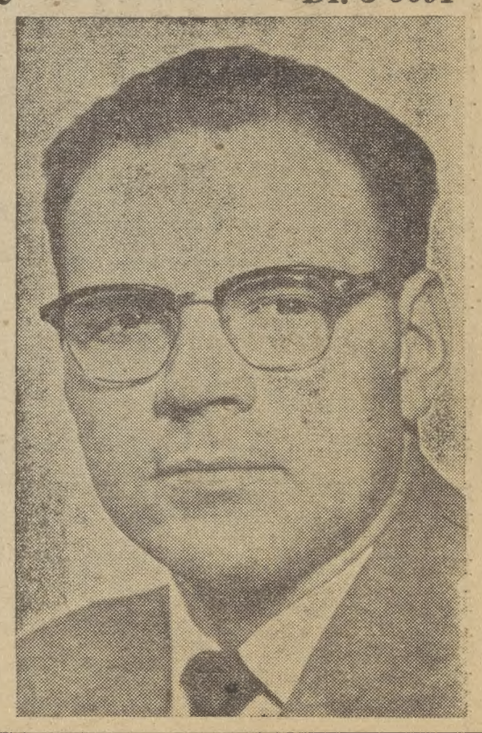

**The Messenger**
*Of Northern California*

"Behold I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple."
—Malachi 3:1.

# Oh Youth Of the Noble Birthright . . .

"I believe in you.
" I love you.
" I respect you . . .

"There is nothing within my power that I can possibly do for the advancement of the youth of Zion but that I propose to do it . . . I think you are the finest young men and women to be found in any part of the world."

These words by President Heber J. Grant in volume 39 of the Improvement Era are typical of sentiments expressed by hundreds of general and stake and local authorities who have been happy to serve youth through the Mutual Improvement associations, from the beginning under the Presidency of Brigham Young.

**Editorial**

### ORGANIZATION OF THE MIA

The Young Men's Mutual Improvement associations of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were begun in 1875. The Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement association had its origin in the Retrenchment association organized by President Brigham Young in the Lion House on November 28, 1869, according to "Essentials in Church History."

At first, the Young Ladies' Retrenchment society included only the daughters of President Young, with a purpose: "to retrench in dress, in speech, in everything that is bad and worthless, and to improve in everything that is good and beautiful." Associations of other young women were soon patterned after the original one and later the name was changed to Mutual Improvement association to harmonize with the Young Men's organization. In 1880 the general board was organized with Elmina S. Taylor, president; Margaret Y. Taylor and Martha Honno Tingey as counselors.

First organization of the Young Men in 1875 was in the Thirteenth ward in Salt Lake City on June 10, by Junius F. Wells, under the immediate instruction and direction of President Brigham Young. By 1921 there were 796 associations in the 871 wards and 86 stakes of the Church.

### WHY THE MIA?

Although the purposes for establishing the Mutual Improvement associations have been well-reported, and well-said, for a brief statement, your editorialist likes these from President David O. McKay:

"The ultimate aim of Mutual Improvement work is to aid in bringing to pass, under the inspiration and guidance of the Lord, the immortality and eternal life of man.

"We have as the direct and immediate purpose, the establishing in the hearts of the young men and young women a testimony of the divinity of God's work, without which eternal life cannot be obtained."

To which he added a quotation from John 17:3:
"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

### THE WAY TO A TESTIMONY

Young people of the church today seek a testimony through the action and teaching programs of the MIA.

Speech, drama, dance and music offer activity which builds young people, not only for greater accomplishment in daily living, but for greater progress here and hereafter.

ACTION is key-note of every program. Sharing wholesome, growth promoting activities helps every boy when he enters the Boy Scout program, and every girl from the time she enters the Bee Hive program. This action, this growth, this increase of all-around physical, mental and spiritual development under the direction of trained leaders who love these choice spirits, continues right on through all the rest of the Mutual classes: MIA Maid, Explorers; Junior M-Men and Junior Gleaners; M Men and Gleaners; and the Special Interest classes.

Every step for the year ahead is planned with T.L.C. (tender, loving care) by MIA leaders. Leaders' eyes are constantly fixed on the young people and their needs. Teaching is planned and developed so that it will be interesting as well as developmental. Every month, ward and stake leaders meet to discuss how they can help the "youth of a noble birthright" prepare themselves not only for immortality, but for eternal life, as well. It is our hope and our prayer, that these young people and their leaders, through prayerful preparation, and through program participation, will continually strive for perfection, that they will . . . .

Carry on. Carry In! CARRY ON!

# My Testimony

**By Mabel Bennett Liddell**

James: 5; 14,15: "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church and let them pray over him, annointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; And the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

The above council, mentioned in numerous places in the New Testament, was not clearly understood until the Church of Jesus Christ was restored in 1830 under the direction of Joseph Smith, the Prophet. Then the office of elder and the ordinance of healing the sick was fully explained.

Every worthy adult male in the church has the privilege of holding the Priesthood of God, which is the authority to act in the name of God. When he goes forth to administer to the sick he is acting in the calling of an elder. In this duty the elders go in pairs as they are directed and through them the power of God is made manifest in marvelous ways.

Louis Celentano, very recently called into the Bishopric of Mission Ward in San Francisco Stake recounts a remarkable experience that occurred about five years ago.

One evening he and another elder were called to go to a local hospital to administer to a man who had suffered a painful spinal injury. He was to undergo surgery the following day and had been informed that he would be unable to move his legs for at least six weeks after the operation. He was prepared to be unable to work for many months.

Brother Celentano's story follows: "We talked with the man for an hour. His injury caused him severe pain and he and his wife felt much discouraged. He was not a member of the Church but his wife who was a member had instilled in him great faith in the power of the priesthood and the administration of the sick. We explained the ordinance and that it was necessary for him to have faith in order to be helped. The other elder annointed him and I sealed the annointing. In the blessing I was moved to promise him that if he would have faith in the Lord, he would spend a restful night, the operation would be successful and his recovery would be very rapid.

"The next night I received a telephone call asking that my companion and I go to the hospital again to visit the same man. We were uninformed as to the reason for our second visit but upon arriving we found the doctor in the room also. The injured man seemed in fine spirits and greeted us all. He had previously told the doctor that elders from his wife's Church were going to administer to him, and that he had faith he would be well. He then explained that he had called us all to meet togther there for a reason. He had something to show us. He then threw the coyers back and lifted first one leg, then the other, showing all of us present that he was able to move both legs perfectly and without any pain.

"The doctor was amazed and said that this was a miracle. Never before had he seen this reaction following this particular operation. The man was soon able to be up and walking about and he left the hospital much sooner than was expected."

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### Way to Eternal Life

The way of eternal life is here. The covenants that were promised that lead to that great gift are here. All men on the face of the earth have now the privelege not only of repentance, but of remission of sins through the waters of baptism, and the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands, and to receive the covenants which were promised ancientl y that will bring them back into the presence of God, our Father (Joseph Fielding Smith at general conference April 3)

# DEAR BRETHREN and SISTERS

You will remember that last month we quoted from President John Taylor. We would like to continue with another excerpt which we feel sure you will find very interesting and enlightening. The revelation on tithing had been given about 1838, so you see this was quite a number of years later, and the leaders of the Church had been trying to teach the people this principle and encouraging them to more faithfulness in observing it. President Taylor says:

"Speaking of tithing, we as a people acknowledge that the law of tithing amanated from the Lord; then how is it that we need talking to so much in relation to it. If we are not honest with ourselves, and honest with our God, of what good to us are all our professions of being representatives of God, of being elders in Israel, of being clothed with the holy priesthood, of being teachers of the ways of life. The ancient Jews, the old Pharisees with all their wickedness and corruption, could boast of paying tithes of all they possessed. We profess to be better than the old pharisees, and yet it seems that it is very difficult for men among us to be honest with themselves and with their God in relation to so simple a principle as this is . . . If we cannot attend to these little things, how is it possible that we can rise in the political horizon and be as a beacon for all nations to gaze upon. The Lord does not care a straw whether we pay our tithing or not, it does not make him one particle richer or poorer. The gold and silver are his and the cattle upon a thousand hills. The world and all its fullness belong to him, for he organized and framed it. But as it is, of what benefit is it to him? He wants in the first place to get men to acknowledge God . . . It is the principle and not the tithing we pay that is esteemed of the Lord; he cares not for our tithing, but he cares about our doing right. If we cannot be faithful in a few things, we cannot expect to be made rulers over many things. (JD. 1863)

We have many members who have tried "donating" and then tried 'tithing", and they testify most fervently to the fact that there is a difference and that the Lord acknowledges obedience to law and does "open up to windows of Heaven" in their behalf. Have you tested this principle yet?

Sincerely your brother,
C. W. Nalder

# LIAHONAS CLUB NEWS LETTER

DEAR LIAHONAN:

As we promised you, Mr. Francis A. Knapp, President of Associated Printing Industries of the East Bay and an executive of Lederer, Street & Zeus Co., spoke at our March 28 dinner meeting on printing, its history, its processes, how it can help the business and professional man and how to get the most for your printing dollar. We were shown off-beat examples of fine printing such as a full-color booklet cover run on aluminum foil and a full-color brochure used by the Forty-Niners to lure footballers to their team. Until Mr. Knapp's talk we weren't aware of the stature of East Bay printers in the national printing picture. Nationally, one out of 260 workers is engaged in some phase of printing; in Berkeley, the average is one out of 60! A Berkeley printer literally originated the mass production of fine color postcards; he prints over 60 million yearly and distributes them all over the world! Mr. Knapp's firm prints most of the colored covers for football programs for high schools and colleges all over the county! It was one of the most interesting and valuable speeches given to the Club. Thank you, Mr. Knapp!

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**A CLUB JOB FOR EVERY MEMBER is the goal of your new officers (Art Bliss, President; Sid Feller, 1st Vice President; Berk Ericksen, 2nd Vice President; Ira Call, Treasurer; and Jack Smith, Secretary.) You can serve on any of these committees: Membership, Finance, Liahona Mountain Lodge, Program and Entertainment, Welfare, Business Counsel, Public Relations, Atheletic, and Employment Placement.**

Cards listing all club committees have been mailed to all members to check and return to the Club. If you haven't already done so, pick your committee and mail in the card or phone Art Bliss at AN. 1-8881. If you want to serve on a committee that isn't in effect, notify Art . . . he'll activate it and make you its chairman! The Club needs your help to carry out its functions: to stimulate the spiritual, intellectual and financial growth of its members. And to have a little fun!

**OUR MOUNTAIN LODGE: Did you know that it was in use over 3400 man-days last year? That an independent contractor has evaluated the campsite and its buildings at not less than $25,000? We're going to finish the job this year so you can have that mountain vacation retreat you've always dreamed about!**

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Liahonan Jack Smith (of Bay Cities Duplicating Co.) has just put over his biggest sale. By the time you read this he will have signed up Ruth Caine for life! . . . and elsewhere in The Messenger you'll read that Liahonans I. B. Ball (Editor of The Messenger) and Tom Ferguson (Oakland attorney) are down in Mexico on a research trip for anthrological facts relating to Church history.

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**Best wishes. See you at our next Club dinner meeting.**

# Berkeley Stake Meeting Calendar

**MAY 1955**

May 1 Stake Conference — Morning and afternoon sessions 10 a.m. and 2:00 p. m., Richmond Auditorium. Evening session Berkeley Chapel, 7:30 p. m.

May 5 Thursday, Stake Family night — Berkeley Chapel, 7:30 pm.

May 16 Monday, M. I. A. leadership meeting Walnut Creek Chapel. 7:30 p. m.

May 17 Tuesday, M. I. A. Ward Conferences — Concord — Richmond — Martinez at 7:30 p. m.

June 1 M. I. A. Summer Program Starts.

**June 9 - 10 - 11 JUNE CONFERENCE - SALT LAKE CITY**

# Berkeley Stake Social Calendar

**MAY 1955**

May 7 Berkeley Stake Dance Festival, Berkeley Recreation hall. 8:00 p. m.

May 13 Junior M Men & Junior Gleaner Elections, Sports & Picnic 4:00 p. m. Acacia Picnic area at Lake Anza (Picnic and Sports 4:00 to 8:00 p. m. followed by elections and dancing at Claremont Ward Recreation Hall Berkeley).

May 14 Saturday, YWMIA Fashion Show, Pittsburg Ward Chapel 1:00 p. m.

May 15 Sunday, Junior M Men & Junior Gleaners Meeting Testimony Rodeo Ward (Veterans Memorial Building, Rodeo 6:00 p. m.

May 21 Saturday Interest Party — Home of Dr. and Mrs. Grant Ellis, near St. Helena, 2:00 p. m.

May 26 Thursday Stake Music Festival - Claremont Chapel 8 p. m.

May 28 Saturday, Stake Bee Hive Girls Swarm Day, Berkeley Chapel, 2:00 p. m.

# Stake Leaders List Bee Hive Activites

One has only to observe a Bee Hive Class in progress to know why the name, "Bee Hive".

True workers—no drones—compromise the classes—divided into two groups, First and second years. We have 9 seals to be earned for the first year and 9 bee lines to be earned for the second year. These seals and bee lines cover the fields of health, beauty, knowledge, work, service, womanhood, truth, faith and joy.

Besides all the knowledge derived from the successful completion of each seal and bee line, we have enumerable activities. Many of these activities are on ward level, such as joint bee hive and scout dance instruction, breakfasts out of doors, nature rambles, bird walks, a day at camp, sunset barque and ect.

On the stake level we have the annual stake camping—a week of solid fun enjoyed by all mutual age girls. Our Bee Hive—Scout early morning swim. Another successful stake venture is the annual Teen Gold and Green Ball. Each year this dance has more of our young people coming, 300 this. Orchestra, refreshments—our sweet bee hive girls in their party finery made it a beautiful event, ever to be remembered.

Swarm Day: The day all the wards gather as a group to taste of the "honey" of all their efforts. Our Bake-off, part of the swarm day activity, is rather unique here in the Berkeley Stake with each girl choosing one or more categories to enter a cake, cookies, breads, cupcakes, etc. The judges rate the cakes first, second, third and honorable mention. After the official program, where the girls are presented awards earned throughout the year, we retire to enjoy the fruits of their efforts in the baking contest.

The Swarm Day officially ends the year. June begins another new hive. Truly those who are associated with the Bee Hive Organization taste the sweetness of service.

Berkeley Stake Bee Hive Committee
Maxine Hilton
Jeanne Wright
Ermile Dansie

**Martinez Ward**

# 70 Children Attend Annual Easter Party

**By Alva Mae Forsyth**

Seventy Primary children attended the annual Easter party which consisted of an egg hunt and a picnic lunch. The boys and girls are working hard on their Sunday evening program for April.

On April 10 Leonard Atkinson was ordained a deacon and Don Evans and Gilbert Harrison were ordained Elders.

Geraldine and Richard Ingram are welcomed to our Ward from Oakland Ward.

Afton Atkinson's mother, Mrs. Hattie McArthur of Salt Lake City was hostess to the Kermit Perrins when they attended quarterly conference.

Sister Estrella Seay is recovering from a recent illness.

## MIA Dancing Provides Wholesome Recreation

All but two wards in Berkeley Stake now have dance directors, and they are doing a wonderful job teaching our youth. Many young people start coming to Mutual to participate in the dancing and then become fully interested. Our dance program is really a mission, reports Shirley Osborne, Berkeley Stake Dance Director.

Many of the wards presented floor show numbers at their Gold and Gretn Balls. Two exhibition dances were presented at the Stake Gold and Green ball.

The Stake Dance Festival will. bt held Saturday, May 7, at 7:30 in the Berkeley chapel. Each ward will present exhibition dances and will participate in "mixers" learned in their own wards. Balance of the evening will be spent in social dancing.

**Colossians Chapter 4**

17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

**Walnut Creek**

# April Marks Opening Chapel for Meetings

**By Verna Mayfield**

Easter Sunday, despite all opposition, including the fact that the heating system would not work, the Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill Wards met in the nearly completed Chapel on Overlook Drive, Walnut Creek. Each ward was scheduled for meetings with ovrflow crowds. Bishop R. G. Larsen together with his counselors and those who had worked so diligently to see this possible, need to be commended on their excellent work. It will be easy to see that with this cooperative help the 700 members of the Walnut Creek Ward, will see completion of this project by August.

One of the most inspiring parts of the Easter Sunday Sacrament Meeting was the singing of the Male Voices of the choir. Sister Ethel Mauss and the rest of the choir has done a magnificent job in bringing back to the Walnut Creek Ward this excellent choir.

Russell Hodgson has been chosen as Assistant Scoutmaster to Brother Waly Scott. He has had previous experience in this field and will be of great assistance to the boys in their summer encampments.

The local troup encamped on the top of Mt. Diablo and hiked to Camp Force, recently obtained by the local council for the use of Boy Scouts. Later this month an overnight trip with the scouts, assistants and leaders, is planned at the Marsh Creek Canyon resort.

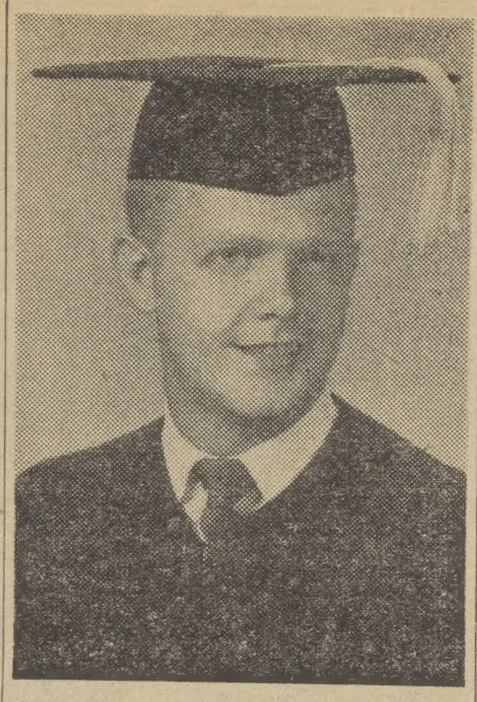
Brother Ken Sidmore has accepted the leadership in Mutual of the Special Interest Class for the Young Men and will assist Sister Gilbert of the Young Ladies.

**MEET OUR PEOPLE**

Meet Brother Gene Jensen, Athletic Director of the Walnut Creek Mutual. Gene, who likes sports of all kinds and likes to work with boys, has been in Mutual Work ever since he came to Walnut Creek from the Sunset Ward of the San Francisco Stake. He has served as Superintendent of the YMMIA, Scouts, and other activities of the Mutual. He and his wife Thelma, have two grown boys: Lyle at the B.Y.U. and Ted at the Los Lomas High School. Both of these boys are athletes. In private life he is an accountant.

**EUROPE BOUND**

Our ward seems to be Europe bound this year. Sister Bessie Gilbert is now enjoying a month's stay in Europe with her husband and two children. Bishop R. G. Larsen and wife will be there the early part of the summer on a business trip for his company. Bonnie Clark will depart for Europe after school for the summer. Sister Louise Rhodes, husband and boys have been there, where her husband has been employed for the past two years.



**Du Wayne Hodge has been chosen one of twelve at the University of Utah to be named to the Honorary Society, Owl and Key. He is from Walnut Creek Ward and son of Brother and Sister Iral Hodge.**

# Du Wayne Hodge Wins School Recognition Honors

DuWayne Hodge, son of Brother and Sister Iral Hodge of Walnut Creek was recently chosen by the University of Utah to be one of 12 men named to the Honorary Society, Owl and Key. This society is composed only of those men students who have excelled in Scholastic, Leadership and Extra Curricular activties while attending regular terms at the University of Utah. DuWayne, Treasurer of the Associated Student body of the school, has excelled in all the necessary requirements.

DuWayne not only is an outstanding student in school but has excelled in his church work, having received the Aaronic Priesthood Individual Award every year that he was in the Aaronic priesthood. He is now an Elder. He served as the first Secretary of the Young Men's Mutual here in the Walnut Creek Ward.

Upon graduation, majoring in Business Administration and Education, he will spend three years in the Navy.

## Golden Gleaners are Increasing in Stake

The Golden Gleaner program, which takes three years to complete, is growing.

Berkeley stake goal has been "every girl in the church to achieve this ward." Since May 1 stake conference, three Golden Gleaner awards have been presented to: Donna Bates, Concord; Laura Steay and Martha Braby from Berkeley.

There is one Honorary Golden Gleaner in our stake: Sister Irene Ranker, wife of Emory R. Ranker of our Stake presidency. Sister Ranker has been ward MIA president, Stake MIA president, and is now president of the Berkeley Stake Relief society.

# Bonnie Clark Gets Summer in Europe As Exchange Student

The American Field Service International Student Exchange program has chosen Bonnie Clark, a Junior from the Los Lomas High School, to spend the summer with a European family. Bonnie is the daughter of Brother and Sister Antone Clark, 1214 Arroyo Way, Walnut Creek, and is a member of the Walnut Creek Ward.

She is a Junior Gleaner, president of the Stake Gamma Rho Chi, chairman of the Ward Fireside, secretary of the Seminary, Choir member and teaches a group of small children in the Primary Association.

At school she is very much interested in girl's athletics, a Junior Statesman, F.B.I.A. and the Junior Red Cross. Bonnie expects to attend college where she will continue in her medical work.

Her father, Antone Clark, before coming to Walnut Creek, was in the Richmond Ward bishopric.

## A Ward Without A Relief Society Would Be Poor Indeed

"A ward without a Relief Society wold be poor indeed. Their activities in the care of the poor and needy are well known and indispensible. Equally as important, however, are the many smaller daily acts of kindness and love which are most vital in providing the proper ward "spirit." The entire atmosphere of ward work should contribute to this spirit, the Relief Society can do more than any other group to bring the true spirit of Christ into our wards. May the Lord bless our Sisters for their splendid influence.—Bp. Joseph R. Hilton.

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Pleasant Hill

# Bishop Asks Members To Review Offerings

By Dora Friedrich

"Fast offerings are most important in the care of the poor. Each of us would do well to review our fast offering payments to determine if they actually cover the cost of two meals in our home.

Of equal importance are the blessings that come to us as individuals if we fast and pray properly. The Church recommends abstinence from food for two meals accompanied by prayer and contemplation on Fast Sunday.

"The Deacons call on many of the homes of our Ward to receive fast offering. If your home happens to be one they do not call on, be sure to send your offering in one of the regular contribution envelopes.

"There is no part of the Gospel of Christ more important than the care of the poor. Let us all do our part to make our contributions this year better than last year."

Joseph Roy Hilton, Bishop

Easter was a special Sunday for ward members and friends when we held our first services in the nearly completed chapel.

Plans are being formulated for a fall fund-raising music festival. Evelyn Tueller, director, extends a welcome to those interested in supporting choir activties, and urges support of all members in the coming months.

Darrel Dangerfield has been sustained as new Sunday School Superintendent. He replaces Ira Somers, released, with thanks, to work in another capacity.

Myrna Morgan made a lovely queen at the Stake Gold and Green Ball. Tentative plans call for organizations of an M-Men, Gleaner Girl Fireside. Also, the M.I.A. Maids will tie their Rose Bouquet in the near future.

Ward Librarian Bernice Gray states that the month of May has been designated by the Bishopric as library month. Each member will be requested to donate either an approved book, or money to purchase such a book.

Welcome to another new member by baptism: Stanley Knight.

"Pink and Blue" Showers were given this month for JoAnne Rhodes by co-hostesses Ede Somers, Wanda Hilton, Joanne Chalmers, Mona McClurg, Joy Criddle and Katherine Harris; and for Susan Simons by Evelyn Tueller and Beth Pierce.

A dinner party for ladies of the Sunday School staff was held at the home of Nellie Allred, with Mona McClurg as co-hostess.

Berkeley L. D. S. Seminary group March, 1955, enjoy informal social hour at the Le Conte Street building near the U. C. Campus. Faces seen in the photo, left to right: Tom Brooks, H. Weatherford, Duane Dalley, Betty Herman, Gladys Martineau, Don Biery Bessie Norberg, and Kay Franz. —Photo by Pyle Photography

# BERKELEY STAKE LEADERS LIST AIMS, ACTIVITIES, FOR MIA

## *What Is Mutual*

By Alma Deane Feller
Stake President YWMIA

YWMIA officers share with the Priesthood the responsibility of helping each LDS girl attain a testimony of the Gospel. A comprehensive plan is laid out for us in the combined program of activity, study and spiritual counseling that we know as Mutual. We on the Stake board love this program. In a world where fear and futility seem to be signposts on a road leading to self-destruction, we glory in presenting a way of life that dignifies the soul, offers eternal hope, and provides constant assurance of the worth of the individual. The girls' program presents concrete proof that our girls are loved, wanted and cherished.

## *Counseling Program*

By Mar Jean,
Age-Group counselor

You can never be an anonymous member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, if you are between the ages of 12 and 25. Your Bishop, your Mutual President and secretary and class leaders know you and many pertinent facts about you. If you are an active girl, your record is added upon. If you are inactive, in the Mutual program, there are leaders in the ward, plus others, who are concerned about you, wishing to put a kindly arm around your waist and lead you into activity that will enrich your life. We offer you friendship and knowledge of the arts, be your talent drama, sports, speech or music, all of which is secondary to the spirituality that will help you build a testimony.

## *Activity Program*

By Mickey Olsen
Activity Counselor

Our youths are precious! We are proud of these find boys and girls with whom we work in Berkeley Stake MIA. They are a constant source of inspiration to us . . . they always come through. This makes our jobs as ward and stake leaders satisfying. Our activity programs include: music, speech, drama, dance, camping, sports, and assembly programs.

In our speech department we find ward and stake festivals are developing our youth so that they have confidence in themselves. In our drama department young people see the fun in putting on three-act plays and road shows. Perfection is not expected—participation and increasing confidence are the goals. We are currently trying a "round-robin" idea in our stake. In our dance department, we find boys and girls with a strong desire to learn to dance all the new steps (even our boys want to learn). We are now preparing two floor show numbers for our Gold and Green Ball.

Concord Ward

# Mother's Day Marks New Chapel Opening

By Lorraine Reinoldson

May is starting off on the right foot with our Mother's Day program opening the doors of our new chapel for all our future meetings. Priesthood meetings will start at 9:00 a.m., Sunday school will be from 10:30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. and Sacrament meeting will commence at 6:00 p.m. The auxilaries have been meeting in the new building for some time now. There will be no change in time or day for these. Relief Society meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Mutual, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., and Primary Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. The address of Concord Ward Chapel is 3700 Concord Boulevard.

Last month's General Conference saw the largest group of Concordites in attendance. Quite a few of the representatives secured temple recommends to do work for the dead while at conference. These included: The Aaron Cards, the Albert Thomases, the Darryl Westovers, the Duane Crookes, the Dwayne Andersons, the Robert Jaynes, the Ben Holbrooks, the Clark Fails, the Robert Stauffers, the Richard Baldwins, and Betty Morley.

Sister Marie Barber took Kent and went back a little early to attend Relief Society Conference.

Sister La Rue England wishes to welcome Marjorie Marshall, Nadine Griffin and Pat Holbrook into the Primary as new teachers.

Among recent baptisms are Richard Cole, Roy Earl Peterson, with his two sons Kenneth and Gary Earl, and Consulo Young, wife of Brigham Young, III.

Four young men received advancements to the Elders Quorum this month: Don Geddes, Chester Whitehouse, Gene Ferwerta and Russell Copeland.

Ward Conference week is May 16-22.

Young Diane Twigg from Santa Rosa spent the Easter weekend with friends here in Concord. She is a former member of Concord Ward.

**GENEALOGY CLASS**

For two months the stake Genealogical committee has supervised and sponsored a fine class in technical genealogy taught by Sister Gustave Schier of Mission ward, San Francisco stake. Attendance has been excellent, more than 90 the average. Interest runs high and many problems have been cleared up. Class members are grateful and happy in their accomplishments and praise their able leader.

The High Priests' presidency of Oakland Stake held a leadership party Thursday, April 14, with their wives as guests.


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# Junior M Men, Junior Gleaners Elections, Sports and Picnic

May 13 to 15th Jr. M Men and J. Gleaner Week-end Swimming, Sports and Barbecue at Tilden Park from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Elections and Dancing at Claremont Ward from 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

May 14th Fashion Show for Jr. Gleaners at Pittburg Ward 1 p.m.

May 15 Church and Testimony Meeting at Rodeo 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

## Custodians Cite Ways To Better Utilize LDS Ward Chapels

Taking time out for a few careful glances behind the scenes at our ward chapels, the Messenger dropped in on a few of our LDS Chapel custodians recently as they went about their duties of cleaning, and tidying up the meeting houses for Sabbath day.

So found these gentlemen to be happy, busy and kindly, and only when pressed for details did they comment on ways our members can help in a little better care of our physical plant and thus add to everybody's greater pleasure and benefit.

What would you guess to be among the commonest mistakes we Church members make in using our chapels? Would it pertain to the kitchen, rest rooms, floors, carpets, benches, walls, lawns, songbooks—or whatever?

**Lights Out; Doors Locked**

Well, we were told of lights left burning all night, and the front door unlocked in one chapel recently. And what says the custodian? "It s costly, of course, but all on account of lack of a little care or thoughtfulness."

Here are the facts as we got them for one chapel: Someone in each organization is furnished a chapel front door key. That person, of course, is supposed to see that lights are out and doors locked when using the chapel any evening. But in case that person is compelled to leave early, he or she should lock the front door, and announce to those still remaining in the chapel to leave by the back door which locks itself when pulled shut.

**Danger: Gas Escapes**

In some cases the last ones using the gas range in the chapel kitchen shut the gas off by turning the valve at the back of the range. While the intent is to provide double safety, yet the danger of escaping gas is increased. Here's how: The pilot light also goes out. Then the next person using the gas must turn the valve at the back of the range, and must use a match to light the jets. He does not think to also relight the pilot light from which gas is flowing and continues to flow unburned all the time. Sometimes an explosion might occur in the night. The kitchen is smelly with gas the next morning. Hence, it is better not to turn the valve at the back after using the range.

**Gum! Gum! Everywhere Gum!**

One custodian laughed as he held up a putty knife and said, "I just carry this with me Monday mornings while sweeping floors. How else could one pry loose the wads of gum from floors of chapel and classrooms?"

He showed us one champion wad. It hung behind a door! But a host of other chunks are found just under the chapel benches. Oh, well, it's good for Mr. Wrigley and his spearmint perhaps. But gum on carpets—that's another story, and a rather large use of time and energy to disentangle the fabric from the chicle-product.

**Childrens' Pranks Too**

Have you ever gone into the chapel toilet room and found the door to a booth locked and no one using it? Well, some Monday mornings that's the situation. Can't one just see the prankster crawling out from under the door of that booth and scampering out and away!

And maybe it's considered funny to take a chair and reach up and turn a light globe so that it no longer burns. But the custodian next day has fun also. Or does he, when the light doesn't respond to the light switch.

But the custodian really likes his work. They love the members too and they love to feel that a warm, clean chapel, is pleasing to the worshiper, and to the One to whom the building is dedicated.

## Births

**Sunset ward:** A son, Earl Brian, was born April 7, to Earl and Beth Parker.

**Pleasant Hill:** Ray and Maurine Perona are singing lullabies to the new addition to their family, Marcia Renee, who was born Tuesday, April 12 at Kaiser Foundation hospital, Walnut Creek.

**San Carlos:** A boy was born to Leroy and Vivian Cheney on April 17.

**Martinez:** The Steve Frease's are rejoicing over the birth of their second son, Sherman Cooper, March 26.

**Oakland Fourth:** a girl, Judith Ann to Roy and Beryle Palmer. A son, Richard Vern, was born April 12 to Vern and Carol Tueller. Former Oakland Fourth ward members Howard and Wilda Smith welcomed a son, Kenneth John, March 24.

## Obituaries

**Hayward:** Sister Muriel Fowler, wife of Brother Arlin Fowler passed away March 25. Her infant son died 12 hours later, on March 26.

**Oakland Second:** Jane Ellen (Nellie) Muir, passed away at the home of her son, James J. Muir, President of Oakland Stake High Priests' quorum, April 13. She is also survived by two daughters, Mrs. Kathleen Palmer of Santa Monica and Mrs. Gertrude Murdock of Duchesne, Utah; ten grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren. Converted to the Church in England, she came to Utah in 1908 and spent the greater part of her last 10 years in the home of her son.

# BERKELEY STAKE

## Improvement Era Is 'A Home Missionary'

Improvement Era subscriptions are built up through the MIA organizations in all stakes so as to provide helps for leaders and church members. Typical of statements from church leaders, is this report from Lew Roland and Lois Sconberg of Berkeley stake:

Our "silent home missionary" is in more homes in Berkeley Stake this year than ever before. These people are enjoying the monthly inspiration of our beloved President's message, the lift of Richard L. Evans' sermonettes, plus the many other fine, instructive, and entertaining articles which have made the **Improvement Era** the greatest church magazine in the world.

It is the official organ of the Priesthood, ward teachers, Music committee, genealogical committee, the M.I.A., etc.

Because of the excellent research and background in the **Era** articles, this magazine is an invaluable source of material for lessons, sermons, 2½-minute talks, and general information.

## Spiritual Lessons Balance Pleasures

**By Faye Lloyd, Berkeley Stake Jr. Gleaner Leader**

Someone has rightly said: Pure pleasures so abound that we need not cover those which are impure.

Jr. M Men and Jr. Gleaners are presented many fine, spiritual lessons during the year. In order to keep proper balance, the wards and stakes also plan many "pure pleasures". If these abound, there will be no need for "impure pleasures."

Sometimes as leaders, we get snowed under with the mechanics of an activity and to make us realize our activities are spiritualized, it takes such comments by our youth as these:

"Camp is wonderful, and I feel so close to God."

"I would like to bear my testimony and thank Our Father in Heaven for the Church activities."

"You know, there was the same wonderful spirit at camp as there was on our snow trip."

Coming activities: Jr. M Men and Gleaner week-end, May 13-15; moonlight dancing in August; camping in July.

### Get Names Ready! Make Reservations

The Oakland-Berkeley Stake's genealogical excursion by train will leave June 24 by the Western Pacific for Salt Lake City.

An attractive rate for the round-trip, $25.30, will allow for returning as desired within 60 days.

The temple work will extend from June 24, to July 1, after which the temple closes for the summer.

## Berkeley Stake Sets Annu'l Fashion Show

May 14 is date of a new annual affair in Berkeley stake. A fashion show will be held at Pittsburg ward, with a luncheon for mothers and daughters. Girls will model dresses and other outfits in tableaus and action from both ends of the hall alternately. The show will demonstrate "the LDS girl is a well-dressed girl through her own skill and her economical efforts.

## Berkeley Stake Conference Sessions To Be Held in Richmond Auditorium

Because of the overflow crowds attending quarterly conferences and the inadequacy of present facilities to accomodate them, the Stake Presidency has felt it advisable to obtain the Richmond auditorium for the Sunday sessions of the 2nd Quarterly Conference to be held May 1st. Some 1450 stake members were in attendance at the last conference and many others were turned away for lack of facilities. Tde Richmond auditorium has a seating capacity of 3700 and will be more than ample for present stake membership. In addition there are parking facilities for everyone. This should offer a splendid opportunity for Stake members to invite their non-member friends and investigators.

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A Transocean Air Lines deluxe 4-engine Skymaster will depart May 9 from both Loakland Internationa l airport and Lockheed Air Terminal.

Commissions from ticket sales will be turned over to the Oakland Fifth ward building fund.

Brochures describing this year's Mormon Friendship tour are available to those who write or call Captain Royal Minson, 6153 Castle Drive, Oakland; KEllogg 4-9549. Elder Minson, a former Navy Transport pilot and a veteran of more than 200 Pacific crossings, is chief pilot for Transocean Air Lines, and will be in command of this year's pleasure cruise aircraft. He will escort the tour during the island-stay.

An once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to travel, the tour can be booked for $267 plus $21.80 tax per person and includes travel, sightseeing tours, and hotel accomodations at Waikiki beach.

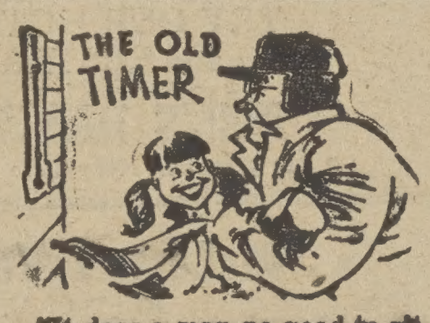
An advertisement carrying full details is on page 6 of this issue of the Messenger.

# Wedding Bells

**Balboa Ward:** Joanne Elaine Parmley and C. Leon Collette will be married May 31 in the Salt Lake temple. Brother and Sister Gideon E. Marquardt announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Ann to Herman Brooks Cope of Phoenix, Arizona. The marriage will take place the end of June in the Mest temple.

**San Rafael:** Congratulations to Randle and Lucile Romney who were married March 1 in the St. George temple. Randle is stationed at Hamilton Air Force base and the newlyweds live in San Rafael.

**Sunset Ward:** Claudia Lauper's engagement to Richard L. Bushman has been announced and the wedding is planned for early September, in the Salt Lake temple. Her sister, Paulie Lauper, of Sunset ward (daughters of President and Sister Serge J. Lauper) flew east the end of March for a two week vacation with Claudia who is a junior at Wellesley college in Massachusetts. On April 13, Paulie was a guest at a dinner party in Cambridge when Claudia's engagement was announced. Richard is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bushman of Salt Lake City, and filled a mission in the Eastern States where he was second counselor to the Mission president. He expects to be graduated from Harvard in June, where he has been on the student council for two years. After the wedding the young couple plan to return to the east where Claudia will enter her senior year at Wellesley and Richard will work for a doctorate in History.




**"It does a man no good to sit up and take notice—if he keeps on sitting!"**

# June Messenger to Bow to Primary

The June Messenger will be dedicated especially to Primary boys and girls, their officers and teachers, program and achievements in the four Bay Area stakes.

Pictures should be sent by May 15 to Dale Roe, 5327 Hillen Drive, Oakland 19.

# Ezra T. Benson to Speak June 2 at BYU Graduation

Ezra T. Benson, member of the Council of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and secretary of Agriculture, will be baccalaureate speaker, June 2, at Brigham Young University, it was announced today by President Ernest L. Wilkinson.

An innovation on the calendar of events for the 80th annual commencement week is the scheduling of the baccalaureate services on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. instead of Sunday night. Other events for the week include Senior Class Testimony Meeting, Joseph Smith Auditorium, Sunday, May 29, at 2 p.m.; Alumni Day, President's reception, Friday, June 2, 2:30 p.m. and Commencement Exercises, Friday, June 3, George Albert Smith Fieldhouse, 7:30 p.m.

Final examinations for spring quarter have been moved up one day to Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Elder Benson was named an Apostle in 1943 and was appointed to the Cabinet as secretary of Agriculture in 1953. He graduated with honors from BYU in 1926 and received the masters degree in agriculture in 1927.

A devoted church and civic leader, Elder Benson has served in numerous leadership positions. He embarked on his first mission for the Church in 1921 to 1923. From 1933 to 1937, he served as a member of the Boise Stake Presidency; later he was appointed president of the Boise Stake.

He served as president of Washington Stake, Washington, D. C. four years. He was appointed president of the European mission in 1946.

He became an agricultural expert young. At the age of 30 he was economist for the University of Idaho Extension Service. In 1939 he was appointed executive secretary of National Council of Farmer Cooperatives in Washington, D.C.

Besides being a member of LDS Church board of Education, he also serves on the board of trustees for BYU.

Mrs. Benson is the former Flora Amussen, also a BYU graduate. They have five children: two boys and three girls.

BYU News Notes

# Special Assembly Is Scene of Reunions

**By Ralph Osmond**

A special devotional assembly brought together some 900 bishops and stake presidents of wards throughout the church Tuesday, April 5. The meeting was under the roof of our own George Albert Smith Field house. Afterward, we met with many of the Berkeley people, including Jack Fife and his wife. Mother and Miriam Lee were here today and were able to hear conference sessions yesterday.

Singing in the 750 voice choir were La Prele Badouin, Glenn Harmon, Carol Thulin, Cheryl Johnson and myself, among others. It was a singular thrill in my life.

I've been able to have a nice, but brief visit, with Mother, and I'm thankful she could make it here.

I haven't yet been able to keep tab on all the students from Berkeley or Oakland, but I know what activties a few of them are engaged in. For instance, La Prele Badouin (Claremont ward) was a contestant in the "'Belle of the Y" queen contest and reached the finals before she was eliminated.

Glenn Harmon has been active with the campus radio station KBYU and recently was a narrator for the annual "Songfest" which is a musical competition between social units.

Dave Gardner was a campaign manager for a winning candidate for Associated Men Students' president.

Cheryl Johnson was elected vice president of the girls' chapter of Lambda Delta Sigma last quarter She also sings in the University chorus.

Carol Thulin has been singing in the Opera Workshop chorus.

Oaklanders, including Caryl Jacobs (Elmhurst ward) has been dancing in the Student Program bureau with which she has toured Southern Utah, and Pocatello, Idaho. She is an economics major and plans to go out in secondary education.

Dana Brush (also of Elmhurst) is singing in the University chorus, as is Shirley Rounds, daughter of Bishop Glen Rounds.

Delores Chase is in the ROTC sponsor corps.

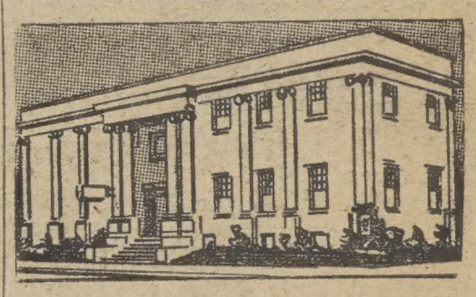
We had a fine general conference, and I saw many familiar "home town" faces, including Bishop Jarman and Tom Ferguson.

# Oakland & Berkeley Stakes Conduct Hill Top Easter Services

LDS members of Oakland and Berkeley stakes assembled on Temple Hill, Easter morning, for special Sunrise services arranged by the M Men and Gleaners of Berkeley stake.

Berkeley Stake MIA superintendent Kirke M. Decker conducted. Music was by a double mixed quartet of M Men and Gleaners from Claremont.

Roy Weindorf of the Oakland Fifth ward, Oakland Stake, inspired the group by his sermon on highlights of the mission of the Savior.

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